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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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FOR FURTHER ACTION
See paragraph 2 below

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Cont. No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Cont. No. II Priority
- ☐ Cont. No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Cont. No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Cont. No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Cont. No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Cont. No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Cont. No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Continuation No. I

Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed.

Continuation No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims ----	YES
	Claims 1-8	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims ----	YES
	Claims 1-8	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-8	YES
	Claims ----	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

The following documents have been cited in the Search Report:

D1: US 6 272 878 B1; (CHANG); 14-08-2001
D2: US 3 811 293 A; (FLYNN); 21-05-1974
D3: JP 59-074439 A; (MATSUSHITA); 26-04-1984
D4: JP 10-068535 A; (SHARP); 10-03-1998

The present invention does not satisfy the criterion set forth in Article 33 (2) PCT because the subject-matter of Claims 1-8 is not new in respect of the prior art as defined in the regulations (Rule 64 (1) PCT).

The above mentioned documents disclose a window type air conditioner comprising a case, an indoor and an outdoor heat exchanger each of said heat exchanger having a fan. The suction ports for the outdoor unit are placed on the lateral surface of the case and the outdoor fan is installed in a shroud. Said fan further comprises a water dispersing unit in form of a ring. Therefore all means of the present application are disclosed in each of above mentioned documents.

In conclusion, claims 1 to 8 can not be considered to be new and involving an inventive step.

The industrial applicability is given.